

# NORTH <sup>BY</sup> NORTHWEST

## 2016 RIESLING HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

North by Northwest was founded in 2005 by the King family with the vision to handcraft varietally pure wines from the finest vineyards in Walla Walla Valley and Columbia Valley AVAs, which straddle the border of Washington and Oregon. We partner with like-minded vineyard owners, with an eye on sustainable viticultural practices. Our guiding principle is simple: produce a quality wine, for wine lovers.

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2016 Riesling has a glistening pale gold color with aromas honeysuckle, honeydew, just-ripe nectarine, spice and a hint of classic petrol. The palate is focused up front with vibrant acidity and flavors of honeydew, lemon oil, nectarine and pears. This all contributes to a long, refreshing finish. Enjoy now and through 2024.

### WINEMAKING PROCESS

This 2016 Riesling was handpicked, and whole cluster pressed before being cold-settled, racked, and slowly fermented. This wine benefited from sur lie aging for 4 months prior to bottling.

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2016 harvest yields exceeded projections, even with extra thinning, because clusters were heavy with fat, juicy berries. The year started off unusually warm, putting bud break and bloom a couple of weeks ahead of normal. In June, though, temperatures dropped to more typical levels and stayed cool through harvest, giving the fruit time to ripen slowly. The result is a vintage notable for beautiful color, great structure, good natural acidity and full flavor development.

**Varietal:** 100% Riesling  
**AVA:** Horse Heaven Hills  
**Alcohol:** 13.5%

